

## November 29, 2006 Update

A draft rulemaking to implement the EMT certification extension provision added to [A.R.S. § 36-2202\(G\)](#) was considered by the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Council at its April 2006 meeting and was tabled because of unresolved questions about issues such as authorization to practice during the interim period between the expiration date and application with the extension fee.

After the EMS Council meeting, ADHS consulted its Assistant Attorneys General regarding interpretation of the new statutory language and created a revised draft that would:

- Create a \$150 certification extension fee,
- Retroactively authorize an EMT who files an application for recertification with an extension fee within 30 days after the expiration date to work as an EMT during the interim period between the expiration date and the application with the fee,
- Clarify that an individual who does not submit an application for recertification with an extension fee within 30 days after the expiration date was not authorized to work after the expiration date and is not eligible for recertification, and
- Clarify that ADHS may deny an application submitted with a certification extension fee based on failure to meet the standards for recertification.

ADHS presented the revised draft rulemaking to the EMS Council at its November 2006 meeting, and EMS Council recommended that ADHS move forward with the draft rulemaking.

At this time, ADHS is accepting informal public comment on the draft rulemaking, which is available on the ADHS website at [http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin\\_rules/emt\\_cert\\_ext.htm](http://www.azdhs.gov/diro/admin_rules/emt_cert_ext.htm). **Written comments on the draft rulemaking will be accepted until January 2, 2007**, and may be submitted to Sarah Harpring, Rules Analyst, as follows:

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